

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Referring to page 14-item 5, will the Honourable Minister explain the difference in the amounts spent regarding power channel? The amount allotted in the budget for 1960-61 is Rs. 50 lakhs. The budget estimate as per final reappropriation is Rs. 18 lakhs and the actual expenditure incurred is only Rs. 14 lakhs. Why have they not spent the amount allotted?

Sri M. N. NAGHOOR.—If I understood the question, the amount provided was Rs. 50 lakhs. Now we have reappropriated it at Rs. 18 lakhs. On account of problems due to peculiar earth conditions, so far we have been able to spend Rs. 14 lakhs. We hope to spend Rs. 18 lakhs by this year.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—The point is, power channel being an important factor, may I know why the Government did not take care so as to expend the amount of Rs. 50 lakhs which has been allotted in the budget?

Sri M. N. NAGHOOR.—I entirely agree with the Honourable Member. It is a fact that sum of Rs. 50 lakhs was provided, but we had to face peculiar problems; we had to recast the whole estimate and we had to go in for an amount other than what is provided in the estimate; so we reappropriated it at Rs. 18 lakhs, out of which we spent Rs. 14 lakhs.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—May I know the peculiar problems which the Government could not solve.

Sri M. N. NAGHOOR.—The nature of the soil is such that big hillocks have crumbled down and we had to face these problems and we had to think of different alignments, what sort of material we have to use and all that.

INSTALLATION OF SINTERING PLANT PURCHASED BY THE MYSORE IRON AND STEEL WORKS, BHADRAVATHI.

***Q.—347. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY (Chikkanayakanahalli).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the cost of Sintering Plant purchased by the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi;

(b) the year when it was purchased;

(c) whether it is installed, and if not, when it will be installed and the operation of the same commences?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) The cost of the Sintering Plant is about Rs. 15.00 lakhs f.o.b. German port.

(b) Orders for the plant were placed in the year 1956-57. The last consignment of machinery was shipped by M/s. G. H. H. of West Germany on 18th October 1958.

(c) No. The installation of the machinery is proposed to be taken up from April 1961 and the plant is expected to commence operations by December 1961.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—In answer to (a) you have said that the cost of the Sintering Plant is about Rs. 15 lakhs f.o.b. German port. Can you not tell us how much you have spent for the machinery to come to Bhadravathi?

†Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have not calculated.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—It should be the cost at Bhadravathi, not at the German port.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—But the fact we have stated there as per the agreement. I have to calculate.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Sir, may I know the reason for the delay?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Sir, the completion of the Sintering Plant scheme was delayed on account of the severe earth fall on the excavated faces of the foundation pits. which in some cases had to cut as deep as 20-25 feet. In February 1959, when almost the desired level had been reached, there was an earth slip which took about two months to be cleared up. When the fallen earth had been removed and the work resumed, which took about 2 to 3 months, and reinforcement rods had been laid, there was again a severe earth fall in June 1959, causing damage to the reinforcement rods. This necessitated the suspension of the work for nearly 6 to 8 months requiring the earth to be removed and the bent rods extricated for straightening and refabrication. On account of these troubles, there was a delay of nearly one year.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Is it a fact that the machinery is rusting because they are thrown in the open?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—No.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, they know the date of the arrival of the machines many days earlier. Why were they not ready to instal it early? What is the loss involved as a result of this and who is responsible for it?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Sir, I have explained the cause for delay and for that nobody can help.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—My point is, the Management of the Bhadravathi Iron Works knew the date on which the machinery would arrive in India. Why were they not prepared well in advance to instal the machinery as soon as it arrived and why did they begin excavation work after the machinery arrived? That is bad planning in industrial concern; will the Hon'ble Chief Minister agree with the allegation?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Sir, the Hon'ble Member is entitled to make allegations but nobody is going to agree with it. Nobody anticipated that these incidents would happen.

Sri C. K. RAJAH SETTY.—May I know at what stage the progress is held up?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The erection of building is already commenced. The erection of the various units of machinery will be taken up from April 1961 after the foreign erectors arrive here.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

AMOUNT SPENT ON MAJOR AND MINOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN MYSORE STATE.

*Q.—72. Sri A. M. BASAVE GOWDA (Chikmagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) the amount spent on major irrigation projects in Mysore State;
- (b) the amount spent on minor irrigation projects; (figures may be furnished from the beginning of the First Five-Year Plan);
- (c) the rise in food production on account of these projects?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) The amount spent on Major and Medium Irrigation Projects upto the end of December 1960 is Rs. 6,261.34 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 1,041.20 lakhs.

(c) 1,25,000 tons.

CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE AT GADAG.

*Q.—139. Sri K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they are aware that training classes of an Industrial Training Centre at Gadag, are now temporarily being held in a municipal dharmashala building;

(b) whether they will construct a suitable building for the Industrial Training Centre at Gadag?

A.—Smt. LILAVATI V. MAGADI (Deputy Minister for Rural Industries).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, as and when the funds are available.